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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE YEAR

1849---50.

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SELECTMEN, 1849-50.

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By balance in Treasury, March 6, 1849,	\$269 28
Town, County, State and school tax assessed,	2547 29
Nonresident highway tax,	12 47
Teachers' Institute,	20 32
School house tax assessed,	716 58
Received of State for Railroad tax,	364 64
" Literary Fund,	52 14
" County for support of paupers,	248 89
" Dr. H. Eaton, for hay,	11 24
" Caleb Dodge, for hay,	15 25
" Samuel Campbell, for hay, apples and turkey,	14 25
	\$4272 35

TOWN OF MERRIMACK, 1859-50.

DR.

Paid State tax,	290 40
" County tax,	412 68
" Rev. S. T. Allen, for Teachers' Institute,	20 32
	\$723 40

SCHOOL-HOUSE TAXES.

Paid to the order of building committees, as follows :

District No. 12, D. Lund,	78 13
" 5, { I. Spalding,	14 98
{ W. Reed,	50 41
" 6, F. Hills,	500 00
" 3, L. Walker,	45 00
	\$688 52

FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

District No. 1,	paid Daniel T. Ingalls,	59 68
" 2,	Hartwell W. Green,	65 08
" 3,	Leonard Walker,	105 62
" 4,	William Goodwin,	81 02
" 5,	Ira Spalding,	50 38
" 6,	Luther W. Reed,	47 48
" 7,	Alfred Vickery,	60 32
" 8,	Amos A. Wilkins,	54 92
" 9,	Isaiah Herrick,	81 08
" 10,	Nathan Parker,	23 27
" 11,	Joshua K. Bowers,	59 55
" 12,	James Duncklee,	30 48
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MILITARY EXPENSES.

Paid soldiers for rations and for performing military duty according to law,	\$35 00
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FOR BUILDING AND REPAIRING BRIDGES.

Paid Samuel McConihe for lumber, stone, and labor	
on bridge over the Baboosook,	36 00
John Nevins, for labor on do.	1 00
Robert Mears, for labor on do.	1 80
Job Bailey, for labor on do.	5 30
Peter Frost, for labor on do.	2 50
David Jones, for plank for do.	18 00
Elias Waterman, for labor on do.	6 75
Stephen J. George, for labor on do.	1 00
Robert McGaw, for labor on do.	1 80
Oliver S. Chase, for labor on do.	6 30
Robert W. French, for labor on do.	16 00
“ for spikes and surveying lumber,	69
	— 97 14
Paid David Jones for plank for the Riddle bridge,	1 00
Josiah Seaverns, for do. for Field's bridge,	12 28
James Roby, for do. for Penny Chuck bridges,	10 61
Nathan Parker, for do. bridge near M. M. Stevens,	1 25
	— \$122 28

FOR REPAIRING ROADS.

Paid Amos A. Wilkins for labor on mill road near Israel Fuller's,	5 00
David Lund, for labor and gravel on road near B. P. Farley's.	7 00
Benj. P. Farley, for labor on road,	1 30
Daniel T. Ingalls, for labor and gravel on Thompson hill,	8 00
Samuel Barron, for labor on road,	1 00

James Kendall, for railing,	5 71	
Ja's Center, for labor on road near Field's bridge,	5 00	
		<u>\$33 01</u>

FOR SUPPORT OF POOR OFF THE FARM.

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Elias Waterman for taking care of John Haddo, (small pox case,)	37 00	
Elkanah P. Parker, for E. Waterman's order,	25 00	
Samuel McConihe, for " "	16 70	
Dr. Harrison Eaton, " "	6 50	
James U. Parker, as trustee of E. Waterman,	11 80	
Dr. H. Eaton, for medical services, small pox case,	3 00	
Joseph Marshall, for bed for Haddo,	10 00	
Joseph Marshall for services in small pox case,	5 00	
Samuel McConihe, for groceries and milk,	11 06	
Oliver S. Chase, for conveying groceries and medicine to Haddo,	7 00	
Charles K. Mitchell, for victuals,	42	
Robert W. French, for cash paid Dr. Davis, for attending J. Haddo,	23 50	
	<u>156 98</u>	
Paid Samuel McConihe, for rent and groceries for Mrs. Hall and family,	20 66	
M. P. Nichols, for clothing for William Moorah,	3 63	
Benj. P. Harris, for boarding Harrod family,	28 00	
	<u>\$209 27</u>	

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid Caleb Dodge, for coffin for Mrs. Hale,	3 00	
Elkanah P. Parker, for goods for do.	8 98	
Charles K. Mitchell, for services as sexton,	1 00	
Samuel McConihe, for coffin for Mrs. Woods,	5 00	
Charles K. Mitchell, for services as sexton,	1 00	
John L. Bowers, for cash paid the Selectmen of Nashua for board of Mrs. Roby and child,	2 50	
Paid Selectmen of Greenfield for board of Hiram Darrah's family,	4 50	
Paid Selectmen of Peterborough for boarding James Barnes, a pauper,	1 55	
E. D. Boylston, for advertising James Barnes,	1 50	
James Monroe, for information,	75	
Edward P. Parker, for obtaining evidence, and collecting pauper bills of county,	9 00	
Edward P. Parker, for writing contract for superintendent of pauper farm,	75	
Daniel Larrabee, for support of his son,	20 00	
	<u>\$59 53</u>	

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Leonard Walker, committee to sell and purchase farm,	12 00
Daniel Moor, do.	12 00
David Jones, do. and cash paid,	14 00
Oliver Spalding, for surveying,	8 00
Charles K. Mitchell, for taking care of town house and hearse,	5 00
Charles K. Mitchell, for clearing grave-yard,	4 25
John Parker, for guide posts,	5 00
Charles O. Gould, for lettering and erecting do.	3 60
Wm. McKean, for services in relation to paupers,	2 25
Francis S. Odell, for making bier,	1 50
E. F. Perkins, County sealer, for sealing weights and measures,	1 68
L. M. Kimball, for searching records,	38
Robert W. French, for record books,	10 25
“ for stationery and postage,	2 00
J. B. Marston, for insurance policy,	3 57
Albin Beard, for printing report, 1849.	18 00
Samuel Campbell, for labor removing paupers,	4 00
“ for boarding paupers,	5 00
“ for 2 3-4 bushels rye,	2 75
“ for cash paid for butter,	1 53
R. H. Pratt, for collecting taxes,	50 00
“ for paying soldiers,	1 00
“ for abatement of town taxes,	42 47
“ for do. school-house taxes,	10 23
“ for over assessments for 1849,	17 15
Gilman Palmer, for hay,	37 00
“ auction bill,	11 32
Levi Fisher, for cow, \$24 00, interest, 60,	24 60
Ziba A. Hoyt, for labor on pauper farm,	28 00
M. P. Nichols, for goods,	93 57
Elkanah P. Parker, for goods,	33 96
James Kendall, for blacksmith work,	7 62
George A. Brown, stove and funnel,	24 00
Simeon Kenny, Jr. for 24 bushels potatoes,	12 00
Thomas Moor, for heifer,	10 00
Joseph C. Moor, for services as superintendent,	200 00
Joseph C. Moor, to balance farm accounts,	101 20
R. W. French, for record books and tax book,	2 17
Reuben H. Pratt, for collecting school-house tax in District No. 6,	9 00
Reuben H. Pratt, for writing,	60
	<hr/> \$594 94

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Elkanah P. Parker, Town Clerk,	6 00
R. W. French, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	70 00
Simeon Kenny, Jr., “ “ “	55 00

J. L. Bowers, Selectman and Overseer of Poor,	25 00	
Alex. McC. Willkins, Town Treasurer,	6 00	
		<u>\$162 00</u>

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

S. T. Allen, for services,	13 50	
Caleb Jones, for services,	6 50	
Robert McGaw, for services,	10 50	
Charles Temple, for services,	3 00	
		<u>\$33 50</u>

Total debt, \$3617 94

Amount of Credit,	\$4272 35	
Amount of Debt,	3617 94	
		<u>654 41</u>

Add amount due from County, 168 63

Balance in favor of the town,

on the Selectmen's account

for the current year, \$823 04

The town is now in debt as follows :

Note to Robert McGaw,	964 78	
Note to Gilman Palmer, including interest		
to first of April,	3604 00	
Note to Elizabeth Pearson,	1696 00	
		<u>\$6264 78</u>

Notes due the town as follows :

From George Way, with interest to April 1,	212 25	
" George Griffin, "	1008 73	
" Nathan Parker, "	682 80	
" Eri Kittredge, "	55 77	
" John McAfee, Wm. Moor, "	1221 73	
" Abel G. Shattuck, "	1508 00	

Cash in the Treasury, received for land, 100 50

Hay and grain, remaining at old poor farm, 112 00

\$4901 78

Add amount in Treasury 823 04

\$5724 82

Leaves the town in debt, \$539 96

ALMS-HOUSE.

The Pauper Farm in the town of Merrimack, in account with said town.

DR.

Amount of stock April 6, 1849,	350 00	
Provisions,	52 50	
Farming tools,	50 65	
Household Furniture,	125 00	
		<u>\$578 15</u>

Hay brought from old farm, 2 1-2 tons,	17 50
Grain, apples, and potatoes, brought from old farm,	62 25
Cash received of Caleb Dodge, for hay,	15 25
Cash paid Filman Palmer, for hay,	37 00
William P. Weston for joiner work,	1 67
French & Barr, for wickyarn,	28
Leonard Walker for five rake teeth,	1 25
Daniel Moor, for three pigs,	6 00
Daniel Moor, for five lbs. butter,	1 00
Simeon Kenny, Jr., for twenty-four bushels potatoes,	12 00
Simeon Kenny, Jr., 1-4 bush. beans, 11 lbs. pork,	1 50
Hartwell Green, for meat,	4 46
James Kendall, for blacksmith work,	12 12
Samuel McConihe, for store goods,	4 99
Mr Parker, of Nashua, for store goods,	2 00
Dr. H. Eaton for medical services,	11 00
E. P. Parker, for store goods,	58 28
M. P. Nichols, for store goods,	93 57
John Gilson, for 30 1-4 lbs. pork,	3 04
John Calef, for carding wool,	34
George A. Brown, for boiler,	1 00
George A. Brown, for stove and funnel,	26 00
Aaron Gage, for 14 lbs. dried apple,	84
Perigrine Nichols, 17 lbs. veal,	1 00
Freeman Nichols, 30 lbs. veal,	1 80
Dr. J. K. Smith, for medical services,	1 85
Widow Wilkins, 4 bushels potatoes,	2 00
Francis Odell, 1 bush. barley, 1 gal. vinegar,	1 17
Trader in Manchester, for three baskets,	1 50
Israel C. Crooker, for labor,	5 00
Isaac Parker, for five galls. vinegar,	63
James Gault, for calf,	5 00
Thomas B. Parker, for pair steers,	24 75
Thomas B. Parker, for wheelbarrow,	2 50
Thomas B. Parker, for shovel, dish, and nails,	1 29
George Walker, for axe and helves,	1 33
Thomas Moor, for yearling heifer,	10 00
Mr Briggs, for pair oxen and yoke,	81 00
Daniel Mack, for plough,	14 00
Daniel Mack, for repairing plough,	5 75
William Moor, for grain and flour,	78 53
William Moor, for salt beef,	1 52
William Moor, for two pork barrels,	1 00
Reuben Barnes, for repairing shoes,	1 00
Ziba A. Hoit, for labor on farm,	28 00
Levi Fisher, for cow, \$24.00, for interest, 60 cts.,	24 60
Widow Boyson, 13 1-2 lbs. pork,	1 35
Wiseman C. Burns, for cow,	14 56
Joseph C. Moor, for services as superintendent,	200 00

Amount of debt,

\$1462 56

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By Stock on Farm, March 6th, 1850, viz:

1 horse, 2 oxen, 8 cows, 3 two years old, 6 one year old,	
3 sheep,	\$420 00
3 shoats and 35 fowls,	46 50
22 tons English hay,	242 00
2 tons stock hay,	8 00
10 bushels Rye,	9 00
40 bushels corn,	35 00
50 bushels oats,	22 50
3 bushels beans,	4 50
1 1-2 bushels barley,	1 00
Farming tools, &c.	78 50
Tallow and candles, 75 lbs., at 10 cts.,	7 50
2 barrels soap,	8 00
50 lbs. grease,	3 00
Household furniture,	150 00
150 lbs. ham,	13 50
1 1-2 barrels pork,	27 00
1 bushel onions, and 1 barrel beef,	10 50
60 bushels potatoes,	20 00
1 barrel cucumbers,	5 00
25 bushels turnips,	3 00
30 lbs. lard,	3 00
1 barrel flour,	6 25
40 lbs. cheese,	3 25
By cash of Samuel Chase, for pair oxen,	85 00
Hartwell Green, for steer,	20 00
Leonard Walker, for four fruit trees,	1 00
David Jones, for fruit trees,	67
Daniel Moor, for sixteen fruit trees,	3 00
James Hale, for five fruit trees,	1 00
James Kendall, for peaches,	1 50
James Kendall, for meat,	3 00
Joseph C. Moor, paid Caleb Dodge for coffin,	3 00
Dr. H. Eaton, one fruit tree,	25
Samuel McConihe, for 1-2 bushel peaches,	1 00
Mr. Parker, for 12 pounds of butter,	2 00
Elkanah P. Parker, for 1 3-4 bushels peaches,	3 50
Elkanah P. Parker, for timber,	20 70
Elkanah P. Parker, for two pumpkins,	12
Leonard Sargeant, for 38 pounds butter,	7 60
Nathan Parker, for 20 bushels oats,	9 00
David Bancroft, pasturing cow,	3 00
Cash of individuals for peaches.	30 00
Isaac Chickering, for hides,	4 96
Jeremiah Woods, for poultry,	9 68
George A. Brown, for old stove,	2 98
Several individuals, for use of bull,	1 00
Charles K. Mitchell, for loading hay,	25

Individuals for victualing and keeping horses,	11 40
Enoch Gage, for two bushels cucumbers,	83
Joseph C. Moor, to cash paid Greenfield,	4 50
Received from County for support of the poor, from April 6, to October 23,	44 70
Due from the County,	168 63
Amount of Cr.	\$1571 47
Amount of Dr.	\$1462 56
Balance in favor of the farm,	\$108 91

The number of paupers on the farm at the present time is twelve. Average number for the past year nine and a half, three of which are chargeable to the County. On investigation we find that Miss Cummings who has been supported by the town several years is by the laws now in force, a County charge, and we have made up the above estimates accordingly. The foregoing statement exhibits the financial condition of the town at the present time. We have charged to the account of the town all the notes and demands outstanding, and given credit for all notes and accounts due, together with all the personal property remaining at the old pauper farm, and find that the liabilities exceed the assets, including what is due from the County, in the sum of \$539 96.

All of which is respectfully submitted by

ROBERT W. FRENCH,	} Selectmen of Merrimack.
SIMEON KENNY, Jr.,	
JOHN L. BOWERS,	

Merrimack, March 7, 1850.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

THE statutes of New Hampshire make it the duty of the Superintending School Committee to make a report of the state of the schools in their respective towns, at the annual meeting each year. In conformity with this legal requirement, your committee now present a statement of their doings the past year. But as an apology for their meagre report, it is due to themselves, to mention the peculiar circumstances under which they have acted. In due season, the Selectmen appointed Rev. S. T. Allen, Caleb Jones, and Edward P. Parker to this office. Mr. Parker declined the service.—Messrs. Allen and Jones entered on the duties of their office, and continued to perform them until nearly all the Summer schools were closed, about which time Mr Allen left the town, and Mr Jones, on account of other urgent duties, was prevented from giving that attention to the schools which would be desirable. Some time in the Summer, Robert McGaw received his appointment to the office, but did not enter on its duties, till nearly all the Summer schools were closed. Late in the Autumn, Rev. Charles Temple was appointed, and attended to the examination of such teachers as presented themselves, and visited several schools. In January, Mr. Temple left the town. In company with Mr Temple, while he remained in town, and alone since he left, R. McGaw has visited all the schools of which he received notice from the Prudential Agent.

DISTRICT No. 1. Daniel T. Ingalls, Agent. Summer school kept by Miss Martha M. Raymond, who applied herself with diligence and success to the duties assigned her, and the progress of her pupils in their several studies, gives evidence of the faithfulness of their teacher, and were satisfactory to the parents and guardians.

The Winter school was kept by Mr. James T. Butrick. Rigid discipline and consequent good order were manifest in this school. The committee were pleased with the exercises of the classes gen-

erally, and particularly with those in the first class in Geography. A more convenient and comfortable school house is greatly needed.

DISTRICT No. 2. Hartwell Green, Agent. Miss Helen M. Nevins had charge of the Summer school, and discharged her duties as teacher to the satisfaction of the District.

The Winter term was kept by Miss A. D. Riddle, a teacher who justly ranks in the first class of her profession. This school will not suffer by a comparison with any other in town. The exercises in Reading, Mental Arithmetic, and Geography, were good. The writing books were clean, and gave evidence of care and painstaking by those who used them. Specimens of composition exhibited, were creditable to the writers.

DISTRICT No. 3. Leonard Walker, Esq., Agent. The Summer school was kept by Miss E. M. Hamblet, under whose instruction the scholars, we think, made commendable progress in those recitations that could be heard by the committee. Much of the pleasure of this visit was lost, in consequence of the suppression or low tone of voice in the scholars.

The Winter term was kept by Miss S. A. Plummer, whom we esteem as an able, energetic, and faithful teacher. Under her care and instruction, her pupils have made rapid progress in nearly all the branches of education which they attended to. We particularly noticed the elevation of voice so much needed in this school, and the regularity and good order so essential to a good school.

DISTRICT No. 4. Mr William Goodwin, Agent. Summer term—Miss Mary E. Humphrey, teacher. Miss Humphrey came with a high recommendation as a teacher, which she justly merits; but her government was not so efficient as desirable, which, however, was more justly attributable to the obstinacy of some of her pupils, than to any defect in their teacher.

The Winter term was under the care of Miss M. Adeline Nevins. The school during this term was unusually large, and we are gratified to learn that the attendance was marked with punctuality on the part of the scholars, and never have we witnessed so commendable progress in the several branches of study, during any previous term of this school. We regard Miss Nevins as one of our best teachers. Strict discipline and perfect order were more particularly observed in this school than in any other in town.

DISTRICT No. 5. Ira Spaulding, Agent. Summer term—Miss L. D. Campbell, teacher. This school did very well, considering this to be the first effort of Miss Campbell as a teacher, and the committee were particularly gratified to witness the degree of interest manifested by her in imparting instruction to her pupils.

Winter term—Miss Abby A. Hardy, teacher. The committee were not notified of this school, and did not visit it.

DISTRICT No. 6. Luther Read, Agent. Summer term—Miss Sarah Lawrence, teacher. The committee visited this school but once, in consequence of the destruction of the school house by fire, previous to the expiration of the term.

Winter term kept by Miss Mary R. Crooker, under whose instruction her pupils made commendable progress. The committee think that stricter discipline, and a more animated manner in the teacher, would have added to the interest of the school. A good and substantial school house has been recently erected, to which a wood shed should be added.

DISTRICT No. 7. Alfred Vickery, Agent. Miss Sarah Fisher, teacher of the Summer school. Although this was her first attempt to teach, the committee are not aware that her labors were not satisfactory to the District.

The Winter school was kept by Mr B. F. Rowe, whose strict discipline and faithfulness in imparting instruction, and in impressing the minds of his pupils with the importance of moral and religious truths, were highly commendable. The school, while under his care, made satisfactory progress in the different branches of education to which they attended.

DISTRICT No. 8. Amos A. Wilkins, Agent. The Summer term and nearly all the Winter term were under the care of Miss Nancy Jane Raymond, who justly sustains a high reputation as a teacher, and under whose instruction the school made a very commendable progress. The remainder of the Winter term was under the charge of Miss Sarah Lawrence.

DISTRICT No. 9. Isaiah Herrick, Agent. Summer term—Miss Lydia D. Atwood, teacher. The number who attend this school exceed those in any other school in town; hence the amount of labor required of the teacher must be augmented in a proportionate degree. Miss Atwood's labors which were faithful and untiring, we think were attended with a good degree of success.

Winter term kept by Miss Sarah Lawrence. The committee regret that they can not give a more favorable report of this school than the truth will warrant. Miss Lawrence's literary attainments and kind feelings, if united with firmness and energy of character, would qualify her for a good teacher. Some progress was made by a portion of the scholars in some branches of learning, but in morals and discipline, we think the advance was backward. The school house is very difficult of access, and when this difficulty is surmounted, the interior of the house is undesirable and uncomfortable.—Add to these a great deficiency of Books, and we find sufficient reasons why the school should not flourish.

DISTRICT No. 10. Capt. Nathan Parker, Agent. Summer school by Miss Augusta Stevens, and Winter school kept by Miss D. A. Stevens, whose reputation as excellent teachers has been well established in years past. In consequence of the sickness of Miss Au-

gusta Stevens, (whose death occurred about this time,) the winter school was closed earlier than was anticipated, and prevented a visit by the committee.

DISTRICT No. 11. Mr. Joshua K. Bowers, Prudential Committee. Summer term kept by Miss M. A. D. Allison. This school, under the faithful and judicious management of Miss Allison, made rapid progress in the several branches of study which were pursued, and was marked for the order of the scholars. We regard it as a high encomium on the inhabitants of this district, that they exceed any other in town in the amount of schooling sustained by them, and hope that other districts will copy so worthy an example.

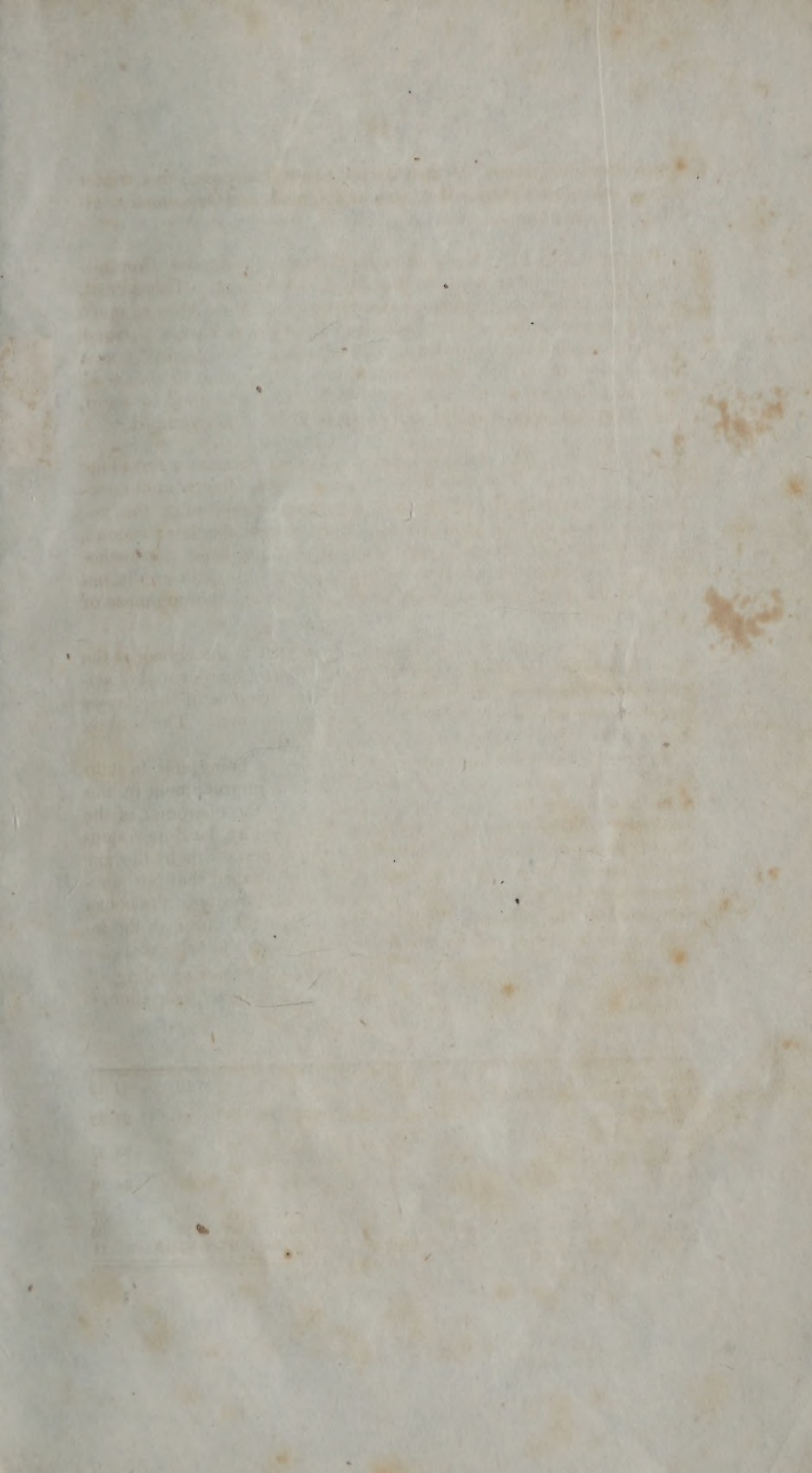
DISTRICT No. 12. James Dunklee, Agent. Summer term kept by Miss Ferson. The committee noticed three things in connection with this school, which they regard as constituting the necessary elements of a good school. First, a good teacher; second, a well constructed school-house; and last, but not least, good scholars. This school we consider as justly deserving much credit, not only for the good order of the scholars, but for the thoroughness of their recitations.

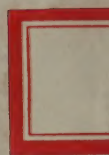
Winter term kept by Miss Whipple. A visit to the school is the best recommendation that can be given. Perfect order and discipline were observed. In reading and arithmetic some of the classes excelled any others which we have noticed in town. The writing books were clean, and the work in them good.

In conclusion, your committee are gratified in being able to state that in their opinion there has been a marked improvement in the schools since the last year, and especially so in the character of the teachers. All of those who have been examined by the Superintending Committee, have given satisfactory evidence of their literary qualifications. It is desirable, and it is to be hoped that our successors will find a better supply and a greater uniformity in the books furnished to the scholars. This would very much diminish the labors of the teachers, and increase the progress of the scholars.

ROBERT McGAW, } Superintending
CALEB JONES, } School Committee.
Merrimack, March 1, 1850.

Districts.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
No. over 4 years attending two weeks.	33	35	41	32	32	36	41	25	58	20		27	37
SUMMER TERM.													
Whole No. pupils.	33	21	30	29	30	36	32	25	58	20		28	37
Average No. attending.	27	17	25	23	20	33	25	20	49			20	17
Length of school in weeks.	8	10	16	13	10	5	7	10	10			24	10
WINTER TERM.													
Whole No. of pupils.	30	35	41	32	32	30	41		51				37
Average No. attending.	21	30	32	30	25	24	35		38	16			26
Length of school in weeks.	10	8	1-2	13	14	8	10	8	9	2-6	10	1-2	11





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